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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : Feasibility of Using Recycled Paper

REFERENCES : (a) MFR dtd 28 Jul 71, same subject

(b) Memo dtd 15 Jul 71 to DCI fr [REDACTED], STATINTL  
subject: ECOTIP

1. This memorandum is for your information only.

2. As you requested, we have studied the feasibility of the use of recycled paper by the Agency. There is no question as to feasibility since 20 percent of the fiber used in paper manufacturing today comes from the recycling of paper waste. Thus, the Agency is already in general terms, as well as in specific areas noted below, a user of recycled paper. However, solutions to a number of recycling problems are required before the feasibility of an expanded program can be assured. The major problems toward which research and development work is now being directed are outlined in Reference (a), attached.

3. The Agency obtains 85-90 percent of its paper requirements through the Government Printing Office (GPO), and most of the remainder through the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service (FSS). Due to the need for further advances in recycling technology, GPO has no plans at this time to stock paper having a higher recycled content than the present 20 percent average. Many of the paper products obtained through FSS are in the lower quality, utilitarian category (paperboard, toweling, tissues, etc.), and such items are currently more adaptable to being produced with a predominant portion of recycled fibers. FSS has adopted recycled fiber specifications for several paper items, and continued progress is planned. Accordingly, we will continue to obtain recycled paper products through FSS as rapidly as their new standards are adopted.

4. We will continue to keep abreast of all progress in this matter and will expand the Agency's use of recycled paper as rapidly as it becomes feasible.

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Att 1: Reference (a)

Att 2: Reference (b)

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